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Road Construction and Minor Irrigation Overseer Course of the Annamalai University.

* 1434 *Q.*—

MR. SPEAKER :—" As the hon. Member Sri K. Aranganathan, who gave notice of the question, is not in his place, the answer will be printed in the proceedings."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state whether the certificates issued for completing the " Road Construction and Minor Irrigation Overseer Course " by the Annamalai University during the academic years 1945–46 and 1946–47 have been recognized to be equivalent to the certificates issued for completing similar courses under the Madras Government?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The temporary course of minor irrigation and road construction run by the Annamalai University for a short time and later abolished, has not been specifically recognized to be equivalent to similar courses under the Madras Government. It has, however, been recognized as a prescribed qualification under the Madras Minor Irrigation Subordinate Service Rules for appointment to posts of overseers in that service. In regard to the candidates possessing the Minor Irrigation and Road Construction diploma appointed as overseers or draftsmen in the Public Works Department and as draftsman in the Highways Department, the relevant rules have been relaxed to regularize their appointments."

Payment of a grant to the Madhava Memorial Ayurvedic College and Hospital, Cannanore.

* 1435 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the
12 noon. Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government received a memorandum, dated 12th January 1953, from the Principal, Madhava Memorial Ayurvedic College, Cannanore, requesting the Government for grant-in-aid for the college; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The Government examined the proposal for the payment of a grant to the Ayurvedic College and Hospital, Cannanore, and the Principal of the institution was informed in Government Memorandum No. 37062-I/53-1, Health, dated 20th July 1953, that in view of the financial difficulties of the Government, the proposal should be deferred."